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	PECH Fisheries		20/11/2001
		PSE KINDERMANN Heinz	
Council of the European Union			
European Commission	Commission DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	Commissioner	

Key events			
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Multi-annual guidance programme MAGP IV for the fishing fleets end 2000. Annual report

PURPOSE : to present the annual report on the results of the multi-annual guidance programmes for the fishing fleets at the end of 2000.

CONTENT : this Communication concerns the report to the Council and the European Parliament on the progress of the fourth multiannual guidance programme (MAGP IV) for the fishing fleets. The report is produced each year in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of Council Regulation 2792/1999/EC. These annual reports aim to ensure the transparent implementation of the MAGP IV, which fixes fleet capacity and fishing effort objectives that must be achieved progressively over the period 1.1.1997 to 31.12.2001. This year's report is on the progress of the programmes at the end of 2000. Using data from the fishing vessel register of the Community and reports submitted to the Commission by national authorities, it summarises the evolution of the tonnage and power of the fleet in comparison with the intermediate and final objectives of the MAGP IV. The report is therefore entirely factual. During the first four years of the MAGP IV, the Community fleet was reduced by 49,983 GT and 459,866 kW, which represent reductions in fleet capacity of approximately 2.5% and 5.9% respectively. On 1 January 2001, the Community fleet was already approximately 17% below the final MAGP IV objectives in terms of tonnage and 12% below the final MAGP IV objectives in terms of power. The degree to which the MAGPs have been respected varies greatly from Member State to Member State. Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Portugal and Finland have met their objectives in all segments of their fleets. Germany, Greece, Ireland and Sweden have met their global objectives, but have further reductions to make in one or more segments. France, Italy and the Netherlands have not yet met the global objectives of their MAGP. According to the data in the fleet register, the United Kingdom has met its global objectives in terms of power but not in terms of tonnage. However, according to the report submitted by the United Kingdom, the tonnage of objectives adjusted for the effect of fleet remeasurement in units of GT have been met.?

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The committee adopted the report by Heinz KINDERMANN (PES, D) on the Commission's third annual report. MEPs criticised the failure by most Member States to reach the targets laid down in their MAGPs for reducing fleet capacity. The committee called for the reasons for this failure to be investigated, and demanded more effective penalties to enforce the rules of the guidance programmes. Looking ahead to the reform of the common fisheries policy, the report called for the MAGPs not to be continued in their present form. The committee believed that the primary goal of the MAGPs in future should be to ensure a sustainable balance between the available stocks and their exploitation. As part of new regulations on Community fleet policy, a range of objective criteria for measuring vessel capacity should be introduced. And as part of the same effort to reduce tonnage, the committee wanted a voluntary scrapping programme to be set up with attractive premiums as an inducement. However, it said that efforts to slim down the fishing industry must not be carried out at the expense of on-board working conditions, ship safety or catch quality. ?

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution by Heinz KINDERMANN (PES, Germany) on fishing fleets. (Please refer to the document dated 20/03/02.) Parliament approved the fact that the Commission has started Treaty infringement proceedings against several Member States which have repeatedly failed to meet the objectives of their MAPG. Member States are asked to complete the re-measurement of their fleets as soon as possible so that future decisions are based on uniform data. Whilst the MAPG have achieved some reduction in the fleet capacity of the Member States, they have not brought about the desired balance between stocks and their exploitation largely owing to the failure of the majority of Member States to comply with the MAPG, and therefore the latter should not be continued in their present form. Parliament went on to say that as well as a range of criteria for measuring vessel capacity, there should be an "entry-exit" system for fishing boats to guarantee that there is no increase in capacity.?